Development of Handicrafts

184. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will be Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted by Government for development, promotion and upliftment of handicrafts in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme for development of handicrafts in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) The details of financial assistance released to various organisation for development, promotion and upliftment of handicrafts in the country during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Years	Amount Released
1.	2000-2001	2915.21
2.	2001-2002	2293.77
3.	2002-2003	2732.63

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) has been recently formulated which seeks to develop selected artisans cluster into professionally managed self-reliant community enterprise working on the principle of effective member participation and mutual cooperation and aims to achieve sustainable development of the sector.

With the launching of the scheme in the year 2001-02, a total number of 288 projects have been sanctioned so far under the AHVY and an amount of Rs. 1543.40 lakhs has been released for the purpose.

Special promotional schemes for handloom sector

†185. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom industry has the capacity of generating maximum job opportunities compared to the textiles industry of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have introduced any special promotional schemes for expansion and development of the said sector during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of average annual expenditure incurred on the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) and (b) As per the 1995-96 Census, about 65 lakh persons are estimated to be engaged directly or indirectly in this sector and this represent the maximum employment within the textiles sector. The National Textile Policy 2000 envisages a number of steps to promote and develop exclusiveness of handlooms in the global market and thereby sustaining the employment in this sector by increase the productivity and value addition.

(c) The Government of India is implementing the following Plan Schemes during 10th Plan Period for development of the handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers.

1. Design Development and Training Programme
2. Marketing Promotion Programme
3. Mill Gate Price Scheme
4. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana
5. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme
6. Weavers Welfare Scheme
7. Handloom Export Scheme
8. Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985.

(d) The annual expenditure on Handloom Sector Schemes by the Central Government is as follows :—

Year	Rs. in lakhs
2000-01	7326.41
2001-02	8802.10
2002-03	10875.00
2003-04 (till 31-10-03)	4200.97

Export of textiles products

†186. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile industries of the country export its product to other countries of the world;

(b) if so, the total values of textiles products exported by the industries during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the total value of textiles produced under mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI & S) data, the textile exports during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been as follows :—

(Value in US$ million)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Textile Exports	12037.6	10764.7	11842.2

(c) The sector-wise production of fabrics in the country during 2002-03 has been as follows:

Sector	Quantity in Million Sq. Mtrs.
Mill	1496
Handloom	5980
Powerloom	25954
Hosiery	7881
TOTAL	41311

Source : Office of Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.

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